

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the instant response. Claims 1-30 remain pending in the case. Claims 1-30 are rejected.

35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1-4, 11, 16-19, 25 and 30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent 6,487,396 by Sassi et al., hereinafter referred to as the "Sassi" reference. Applicants have reviewed the cited reference and respectfully submits that the embodiments of the present invention as recited in Claims 1-4, 11, 16-19, 25 and 30 are not anticipated by Sassi.

Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner to independent Claim 1 that recites that an embodiment of the present invention is directed to (emphasis added):

An electronic device comprising:
a first element comprising a first side and a second side,
said first side bearing an interface operable to be used as a
wireless phone, said second side comprising a first part of a
display of a portable computing device; and
a second element comprising a third side and a fourth
side, said third side comprising a second part of said display of
said portable computing device; wherein
said first element is movably attached with said second
element, and configurable in a first configuration for use as a
wireless phone and configurable in a second configuration for
use as a portable computing device.

Independent Claims 16 and 30 recite similar limitations. Claims 2-4 and 11 that depend from independent Claim 1 and Claims 17-19 and 25 that depend from independent Claim 16 provide further recitations of features of the present invention.

Sassi and the claimed invention are very different. Applicants understand Sassi to teach an electronic device that provides a personal digital assistant (PDA) interface in an open position and a cellular mobile telephone (CMT) interface in a closed position. In particular, Sassi teaches an electronic device having two housing parts, wherein a display section of the PDA interface is located on only one of the housing parts.

With reference to Figure 2 of Sassi, the electronic device in an open position that includes first housing part 2 and second housing part 3 that are connected by hinge means 4 (col. 4, lines 36-51). Specifically, Applicants respectfully assert that the housing parts refer to the structural components of the electronic device, and not to the relative positions of the components. As shown, inner surface 2a includes keypad section 5b and inner surface 3a includes display section 5a (col. 5, lines 29-35). In particular, display section 5a only resides on inner surface 3a, and does not extend to inner surface 2a.

In contrast, embodiments of the claimed invention are directed towards an electronic device comprising two elements, wherein a display includes a
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first part associated with a side of the first element and a second part associated with a side of the second element, as claimed. With reference to Figure 4 of the current specification, a perspective view of electronic device 300 including two elements is shown. First element 305 includes second side 415 and second element 305 includes third side 420 (page 15, lines 3-5). In particular, second side 415 comprises a first part of a display 425 and third side 420 comprises a second part of display 425 (page 15, lines 11-12).

Applicants respectfully assert that Sassi in particular does not teach, disclose, or suggest the apparatus as claimed. In contrast, Sassi teaches an electronic device having two housing parts, wherein a display section of the PDA interface is located on only one of the housing parts. Specifically, Sassi does not teach, disclose, or suggest an electronic device comprising two elements, wherein a display includes a first part associated with a side of the first element and a second part associated with a side of the second element, as claimed.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully assert that nowhere does Sassi teach, disclose or suggest the claimed embodiments of the present invention as recited in independent Claims 1, 16 or 30, and that these claims are thus in a condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Sassi also does not teach or suggest the additional claimed features of the present invention as recited in Claims 2-4 and 11 that depend from independent Claim

1 and Claims 17-19 and 25 that depend from independent Claim 16.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 2-4, 11, 17-19 and 25 overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), and are in a condition for allowance as being dependent on an allowable base claim.

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 5-10, and 20-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sassi in view of United States Patent 6,393,272 by Cannon et al., hereinafter referred to as the "Cannon" reference. Applicants understand Cannon to teach a wireless answer and hold feature of a telephone. Specifically, Applicants respectfully assert that Cannon, either alone or in combination with Sassi, does not teach, disclose or suggest an electronic device comprising two elements, wherein a display includes a first part associated with a side of the first element and a second part associated with a side of the second element, as claimed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 5-10, and 20-24 overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and that these claims are thus in a condition for allowance.

Claims 12 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sassi in view of United States Patent 6,628,962 by Katsura, hereinafter referred to as the "Katsura" reference. Applicants understand Katsura to teach a PDA antenna device. Specifically, Applicants respectfully assert that Katsura, either alone or in combination with Sassi, does not teach,

disclose or suggest an electronic device comprising two elements, wherein a display includes a first part associated with a side of the first element and a second part associated with a side of the second element, as claimed.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 12 and 26 overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and that these claims are thus in a condition for allowance.

Claims 13, 14, 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sassi in view of United States Patent 5,584,054 by Tyneski et al., hereinafter referred to as the "Tyneski" reference. Applicants understand Tyneski to teach a communication device having a movable front cover. Specifically, Applicants respectfully assert that Tyneski, either alone or in combination with Sassi, does not teach, disclose or suggest an electronic device comprising two elements, wherein a display includes a first part associated with a side of the first element and a second part associated with a side of the second element, as claimed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 13, 14, 27 and 28 overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and that these claims are thus in a condition for allowance.

Claims 15 and 29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sassi in view of Tyneski as applied to Claims 14 and 28, and further in view of United States Patent 6,389,267 by Imai, hereinafter referred to as the "Imai" reference. Applicants understand Imai to teach a

folded type portable radio communication apparatus. Specifically, Applicants respectfully assert that Imai, either alone or in combination with Sassi and Tyneski, does not teach, disclose or suggest an electronic device comprising two elements, wherein a display includes a first part associated with a side of the first element and a second part associated with a side of the second element, as claimed. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 15 and 29 overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), and that these claims are thus in a condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Based on the arguments presented above, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 1-30 overcome the rejections of record and, therefore, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,
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